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A Bad Senator Beaten.

VARDAMAN is besten, and the Pres ident's "prestige as a world statesman," which our neighbor the World professed to believe Mr. Willson hazarded in the "daring venture" of openly opposing the Mississippi Senator, is out of danger, if it ever was in any danger.

The President himself did not pretend to regard the Vardaman cam paign as a worldwide issue, but he put the case boldly enough before the voters of Mississippi when he wrote that he "should be obliged to accept their action [the reelection of VAB-DAMAN | as a condemnation of my Administration."

THE SUN believed that it was no so much the Administration that was on trial as the loyalty and intelligence of the people of Mississippi. To send VARDAMAN back to the Senate would not jeopard the Administration much less the President's Interna tional reputation. It would be a sign that something was wrong with Mississippi; that she lacked the spirit which happily possesses America; for NARDAMAN's conduct in the Senate left no doubt as to his political character. Even LA FOLLETTE threw scarcely a darker shadow than VARDA-MAN, whose opposition to the Administration was a minor matter, lost in the depths of his opposition to America itself.

No well informed and loyal State could fall to choose PAT HARRISON rother than JAMES K. VARDAMAN The chief doubt before the primaries was whether Mississippi was well informed. The returns indicate that at least some parts of that State understood the issue. In VARDAMAN'S home city, where we must assume be was comprehended, the vote against him was as 5 to 1.

We must congratulate the President on the courage he showed in openly regret that be indulged in politics 37. Not least, we felicitate the Hon. of an objectionable colleague.

ures in the recent report of the Fedpacking industry which have not republic documents is one of these.

The report is directed against the try-Swift, Armour, Morris, Cudahy we presume, of all stock yards, refrigerator cars, cold storage plants and meat warehouses.

report, as furnished to the press, these five great industrial concerns trailty. It must, however, remain a other side there appears to be about are repeatedly spoken of as the Big Five-a contemptuous epithet utterly decision against Germany's barbarous unsuitable for use by public officers method of warfare and if it will be United States in the discharge of a ber strictly neutral course. serious duty. The meat puckers nate the members of the Federal Trade Commission-Messrs, WILLIAM B. COLVER, JOHN FRANKLIN FORT and vice of men who have reached 21 VICTOR MURDOCK-the Big Three, since June 5, 1918, which will be But it makes a good deal of differ- held on Saturday under the Presience whose ox is gored.

and we cannot believe that he will now before Congress. approve the introduction of such epithets into State papers.

letter from the Federal Trade Com- before June 5, to come forward on mission to President Wilson is the the latter day for registration, so he denunciation of the lawyers who rep- has called on those whose twentyresented the meat packing concerns first birthday falls in the period bein the investigation. After praising ginning with June 6 and ending on the tireless industry, fidelity, patience Saturday to enroll this month. This and forbearance of the men who call is issued under the law of 1917. composed the commission's staff in No measure now before the Congress we may meet the increased demands for we're all good Yankees." the inquiry, under the leadership of has anything to do with it. FRANCIS J. HENRY, the Commissioners say they had to meet "deliberate cle Sam's roster of potential soldiers year a stock of foodstuffs that will falsification of returns," properly re- on Saturday will have their registra- form positive insurance against any quired under legal authority; "schools tion over and out of the way. Their possible climatic eventualities in the a minority report

ing called to testify," and "a conspiracy in the preparation of answers to the lawful inquiries of the commission." They then go on to say to the President that while they will not trespass upon his time to go into the details of the legal and business ethics employed, they nevertheless "contrast the ethics of the commission's legal and investigating staff with the legal staffs of the five great

companies." If this means anything it means that the counsel for the meat packers were gullty of practices which were non-professional, to say the least, if not actually criminal.

The American Bar Association is about to meet at Cleveland. Such an accusation as this, made by responsible public officers in a letter to the President of the United States, would seem to be worthy of the attention of that distinguished body of lawyers.

The Spanish Government Takes Stand Against Submarine Warfare.

Spain has at last made a definite stand against submarine murder and the destruction of her commerce. Her position is the most decisive taken by any of the European neutral nations, and is declared in an official statement issued by the Spanish Cabinet as follows:

"The Government has decided to ad dress the Imperial German Government and declare that owing to reduction of tonnage to its extreme limit it will be obliged, in case of new sinkings, to substitute therefor German vessels interned in Spanish ports. This measure does not imply the confiscation of the ships under definite title. It would be only a temporary solution until the establishment of peace, when Spanish claims also will be liquidated."

This action comes as the result of the intolerable situation which has been forced upon Spain by Germany. In no other European country has the Teutonic propaganda been more aggressive. Germany early in the war undertook, in the first place, to gain the active support of the Spanfards to the cause of the Central Powers. Falling in this she set ov. to gain such a complete control over the political leaders that she would be assured of a favorable neutrality.

What Von Bernstory endeavored to bring about in the United States Prince Hohenlone attempted to ac complish in Spain. Strikes were organized and engineered by Ger man agents, and uprisings against any political manifestations of favor to the Allies were skilfully manipu lated through the German embassy at Madrid. HOHENLORE made at especial effort to win the strong Conservative party by gaining the support of Don ANTONIO MAURA, Its leader. He was at first measurably successful. But he defeated his own

purpose by openly entering into the political campaign and issuing literature extolling the greatness of the Hohenzollerns and their Spanish supporters. The high spirited Spaniards came to believe that the party had been sold out body and soul to Berlin and the Maurists lost beavily in the provinces. But throughout all the discussion

of the relations between Spain and opposing Vardaman, even while we Germany the principal point, despite when politics was adjourned. We came to be the submarine warfare. congratulate Mississippi on being The Government found itself forced awake and Par Harrison on being to make remonstrances. After each the winner of the toga at the age of sinking of a Spanish vessel Germany offered an apology and a promise JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS on being rid that it should not occur again. The Government was attacked in the press and in the Cortes. One mem-Denunciation in Public Documents, ber declared that the sinking was an There are some extraordinary feat- easy matter, as all a U-boat had to do was to dodge out from its base eral Trade Commission on the meat on the Spanish coast or neighboring island, destroy a vessel, and return ceived the attention they deserve. to its safe retreat. The result of The indulgence in epithets and lan- German submarine warfare is thus guage of denunciation unusual in summed up in the statement of the

Spanish Government: "As a consequence of the submarine alleged misdeeds of the five great campaign more than 20 per cent. of ment packing concerns of the coun- our merchant marine has been sunk. more than 100 Spanish sailors have cisely that between men who are and Wilson-but the commission does perished, a considerable number of sailnot recommend that they shall be ore have been wounded, and numbers punished in any way for their mo- have been shipwrecked and abandoned nopolistic practices, unless it be pun- Ships needed exclusively for Spanish ishment to have the Government as- use have been torpedoed without the sume control, under its war powers, slightest pretext, serious difficulties resulting to navigation."

that despite the strong stand it has the other. On our side we have only in the pamphlet summary of the taken in the submarine warfare it two things to fear-overconfidence will continue to maintain strict neu- and relaxation of effort. On the question how Berlin will receive this everything to fear. addressing the President of the possible for Spain longer to continue

might just as appropriately denomi- The Military Registration on Saturday of This Week.

The registration for military ser dent's proclamation, is in no way nf-

Just as the President in May called the trenches by Christmas. on all men who attained their ma-Another remarkable feature of the jority after June 5, 1917, and on or

for witnesses where employees were future will lie with Provost Marshal next harvest." In other words, if we

coached in anticipation of their be- General Caownea and his assistants, do not waste our food, we shall have by whom they will be classified and assigned to the duties they are fit to perform for their country.

There seems to have misunderstanding on this point, and it should be cleared up. Nothing that is now going forward in Washington concerning a new draft touches the men now called. They will register under existing law.

"Do You Claim Exemption?"

Needless Question. The Secretary of War, while exthat was their lot under the old form of examination. The question, "Do you claim exemption?" was put to the registrant orally and semi-publicly. Many men found it an unpleasant ordeal to answer "Yes," even when there was no possible doubt that their non-exemption would mean distress and perhaps disaster to women and children. On this subject Secretary BARER SAYS:

"We wanted to arrange the regulaions so as to save a married man who ought to be exempted from the humiliation of claiming exemption by making he process as automatic as possible.

"The theory upon which we want to work this draft is that no married man whose wife and children are dependent upon the continuity of his earnings, and the will not be able to live on the soldier's wages, will be drafted."

The draft, considered broadly, is the people's wish, expressed through obligations and decide, by a process "as automatic as possible," whethe his place is in the army or at home. A man's possible desire to don the uniform should not be permitted to do injustice to his dependents, any more than a shirker should be permitted to decide that he shall stay where he is.

If a man with dependents shows in his verified answers that his dependents could not live on his soldier's pay he should be placed in the deferred classification. 'His own opinion on the subject is unnecessary. There is no volunteering in the draft, except to the extent that the entire nation has volunteered and it is the Government's task to make the selec-

A Cheering Winter Outlook.

With this winter promising to be a race for man power accumulation. Germany has but one hope. Her sole potential human reservoir lies in Russia. If assistance from that quarter fails, then the slow, grinding process of attrition alone would bid fair to wear out her resisting power before another summer.

The possible help that may come to the harassed Huns from that chaos of riot, snarchy and more or less organized civil war which is the Rusis of to-day and promises to be the Russia of all the ensuing winter, may calculations. The increase to his forces is not a speculative continthe next seven months," said General MARCH, "we shall send men to France at the rate of 250,000 a month. Later

on the movement will be larger." And when all our eighty divisions of approximately 45,000 men to a division are over there, then the tapping of the American man power reservoir will only have begun. If new Hun recruits from Hun territory proper aggregate 600,000 men, as indicated, there are the new recruits from France/ Great Britain and Italy to offset them as well as those which distracted, half starved Austria may drag into the field. And is to the relative morale of the Hun and the Allled armies, the difference is pre-

winning and men who are losing. Never before since the war began has the approach of a winter brought with it such abundant and substantial grounds for buoyant hopefulness for the forces of civilization, on the one hand, and so disheartening an statement—he went fishing. The Spanish Government declares outlook for civilization's enemies on

And that that fact is sinking deep into the Hun drill sergeant be the reports from many quarters of impending Hun "peace drives"; of dom. It has become the settled Hun conviction that all the higher aspira-The President is a purist in speech fected by the man power measure will toward men imperatively de many mand that the boys shall be out of

Waste Not, Want Not. Mr. Hooven's announcement that the danger of privation owing to lack the boys born anywhere in Dixieland so when I sit me down to scrawl a hasty of food in the countries fighting Ger. were appealed to to stand on their feet. many is now over is to be read with his declaration that "in the United born anywhere in any of these United States we have need for continued States kindly rise," he continued. "Anyrigid economy in consumption, so that body born anywhere in all Yankeeland, from Europe and to enable us to carry Men who put their names on Un- over from this more abundant harvest

plenty to support ourselves in comfort. rutches

The war bread of the ensuing twelve months is to be better in quality than that we have become accustomed to; there are sufficient meats and fats in sight to supply the demands of the Allies and ourselves; and the distribution of our surplus will be managed through a central agency by means of which marked economies of shipping

will be effected. The optimistic statements made by Mr. Hooven concerning the food situation must not be interpreted to mean plaining that marriage will not of that there are stores sufficiently large plaining that marriage will not of that there are stores sufficiently large but very earnestly; manifestly shitself exempt men from the draft, to make extravagant use of cereals would have been very glad to bay indicates a laudable intention to see and meats negligible. It is not merely this young sailor on crutches take her to it that men-with dependents shall prudent, but essential, that we should seat; but he smilingly declined it, for, you any amount they please and ge not be subjected to the humiliation provide against crop shortages next the same reason that he had this year. Our planting programme car. But he had still another is intelligently constructed, and the coming. plans adopted to insure adequate numbers of farm laborers are more comprehensive than ever before; but the crops are at the mercy of the elements. So far as is humanly possible, ments. So far as is humanly possible, sailor boy's mother, and when she we must protect ourselves against the saw him decline the young woman's possibility of adverse weather conditions a year from now.

This protection can be had only in the kitchens and the dining rooms of America. The Government is powerviolators of the regulations. It cannot keep an inspector over every cook stove to see that flour is not wasted. But every housekeeper can enforce a system of conservation that will conthe Food Administration.

In the last year, under new and difficult conditions, the housewives of the Government. The Government America have done wonders in sav-need not ask the individual whether ing food. They are capable of doing ing food. They are capable of doing he claims exemption or not. It should anything Mr. Hooves asks them to do. gather, by written questionnaire, the and they will win another battle undetails of a man's fortune and his der his command whenever he calls on them so to do.

> An American Colonel asked a captured officer if the German privates were told that they would be killed if captured by Americans. "Why, yes," replied the German officer, "don't you tell your men the same thing about the Germans?" Nothing so disconcerts

Policing a large theatre with young omen selected from the chorus is likely to be popular with patrons. Police in a theatre are for ornament and information, and women police church choir do not use artificial aids will be better looking than their predecessors of gilded chains and haughty mien, and will be much more likely appearance she could, even if she did correctly to inform suburbanites how much of the last act they can sit through without missing their fast trains than a man who never had, has not and never will have the slightest interest in any train that runs beyond the city limits.

The decision to do away with the Coney Island Mardi Gras this year will greatly reduce the number of

Premier CLEMENCEAU predicts that victory will be achieved this year. The optimism of the French statesman is nore robust than that of General PETTON MARCH, who says that in 1919 we may win.

There will be one father, if only one, of the fifteen or sixteen millions of out with the Secretary of the Navy perchance bring them some sporadic over that new order that a man in the gleams of hope. It is a contingency, service may not even in his home "di-JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS, Senator in Congress from Mississipi, fighter, descendant of and sire of fighters. On gency. It is a concrete fact. "For the floor of the Senate, with full moral sense of his oath of office and its obligations, John Sharp said in effect: "Mr. President, when my son comes into my house in uniform or out of uniform I shall say to him, 'Son, a toddy with you, sir,' and he will reply, as he was taught, 'Thank you, dad: here's my regards, sir,' and all the Secretaries in all the Cabinets of all the nations of the earth to the contrary notwithstanding, sir, my boy and I will have our toddles together, sir!

> Rich Germans flee from Rhine towns. "Die wacht" is leaving the "stream

The people of Buffalo have repealed

There is one thing election prophets must consider in all its meanings from Buffalo to Albany to the White House. and that is that when Mr. Forn of Detroit beard that another and a strong opponent had entered the primaries against him he did not issue a

Slacker bachelordom is saved the trial of choosing between matrimony and the army by Secretary BAKER's announcement that a wife will not be effective as a coward's shield.

WE'RE ALL YANKEES NOW numbed consciousness is apparent in If a Georgia Cracker Doesn't Dissent, Who May!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: OF campaigns of oratory; of all the the subject of General March's remark shopworn Hun devices of trickery that "Sammy" is no name for a man's and mendacity which even now are army, and that the English Tommys coming thick and fast from all Hun- know our American fighters only as "Yanks," permit me to tell of a Rotary dinner I had the good fortune to attend in Macon, Ga., last year, just before the tions for peace on earth and good declaration of a state of war with Ger-

After sundry remarks, the boss rotarian asked all the boys from Macon, such as were born and raised there, to kindly rise. Next he asked all the Cracker boys, born anywhere in the State of Georgia, to kindly rise. Next

That left only a scant half dozen, but he was not yet through.

Whereupon sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee.' If Crackers call themselves Yankees doesn't that make it unanimous? No even Charleston, S. C., would dare file YONKERS, August 21.

A SAILOR ON CRUTCHES.

NEW YORK'S TAXICABS.

Safe, Reasonable in Price and Gener

ally Under Good Control.

"One of the things that have impress

me since coming to New York is the

regulated. The drivers seem to be under

they are in Boston. Up there the driv-

Perhaps there are many New York

the taxicab conditions in this city. Per

chauffeurs have been held to

Furthermore, those who have been vic-

tims have themselves to blame if they

charges, because all it would have teen necessary for them to do was to make

to the taxicab bureau in West Fifty-sev

charges are investigated, and if the

is required to refund by money order

Moreover, the complaint is entered in

the little book which all chauffeurs are

required to carry at all times, and the

chauffeurs are not desirous of having

Before the present ordinance became

effective it was not unusual to see two

men on the driver's seat. The super-

fluous rider was not there for any good

reason. He was the strong arm men

ber of the complement, and wee to the

sighted enough to hire such a taxicab.

Instead of being taken to his destination

he was run into some dark street or

into the lonesome paths of Central Park.

There it was an easy matter to hold him

up and relieve him of his valuables.

thus giving him the wrong impression

Ail this has been obviated by the

taxicab authorities. In the first place

seat, because the seat itself has been

cut down to a size which permits only

The room made by the cutting of the

seat affords space for a trunk, a great

convenience for those going out of town

or incoming. Even if two men had

the temerity to ride on the sent, that is,

taxicab inspectors would hand them a

summons requiring their appearance be-

fore the authorities for an explanation

the next morning. 'Se this old time

practice has been pretty well done away

Just one point more to illustrate how

thoroughly the taxicab authorities have

the situation in hand. When Raymond

Fordick, head of the Commission of

those chauffeurs who had been using

Training Camp Activities, came

NEW YORK, August 21.

TRADE BRIEFS.

Chilean lumber dealers are in the mar-

Chile's foreign trade in 1917 reached

The 1918 vanilla crop in Guadeloupe

of vanilla beans had been prohibited by

A Norwegian claims to have discov-

porest grade of leather, which formerly

went into the manufacture of insoles, will

become a satisfactory sole leather after

being subjected to the new, treatment.

Consul-General Alfred A. Winslow re

Spanish dealers have naked for cata-

logues of electrical supplies and machin-ery of all kinds.

George H. Murphy that energetic adver-

largest ever

the War Trade Board.

million bushels.

can concern

of this great city.

unaugnecting passenger if he was short

too many complaints entered in their

control and the fares are lower

away with it."

Into a Broadway sorface car came saller, a smiling young sailer, or

Instantly a man sitting in one o the present taxicab ordinance went into sailor his seat, but the sailor decline effect abolishing private hack stands it; the car was full, there were three women standing there at that end of and reducing rates of fare. The anni-versary was recalled to my mind by the the car, and the sailor wouldn't take remarks of a friend who had just come seat while women stood. from Boston, where all is supposed t be serene and tranquil. He said:

A moment later a woman, quite had been sitting at the aisle end of the next forward spat, offered her seat to the sailor. She got up and faced the sailor and offered her seat quietly ers do just as they please, they charge year by conserving the harvests of fered him when he first entered the

seats, in the angle at that end of the it must be admitted that since the prescar, was a woman who might have ent ordinance has been in effect the been 40 or thereabouts, not old by any taxicabs here have been well controlled means, but old enough to be this by the authorities appointed to look seat she rose promptly and him her seat. It might be said without exaggeration and with no attempt at fine writing that as she stood u there was on her face a look that less to control any except flagrant ing; and it was easy to imagine that sailor's age; a son who was at that moment somewhere on the broad waters, on a warship, a sailor; or somewhere in France, a soldier: and she wanted to help, to be of some enth street. There all cases of oververt the establishment over which she slight service to this young man presides into an effective bureau of standing before her, this young sallor boy on crutches.

But he declined her offer too; smil

ingly, but very respectfully; and then he stood there, holding by the hand hand, and bracing himself by one of his crutches with the other, till he came to where he wanted to get off.

ON CHOOSING A WIFE. Characters, Complexions and Cook in Choirs.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: sermon on "Choosing a Wife," by one of New York's divines on Sunday, the preacher is quoted as declaring "Without woman man remains a frac Herbert Spencer, Isaac Newton and a few others who have been of much bene fit to mankind were only "fractions"? Again: "Man should choose a character and not a complexion." Does be mean to imply that the ladies of a to beauty? When was it declared wicked for a woman to make the bes

powder a little? "He may while away idle moment with a fast and flippant woman, giggle with her, dance with her, drink with her and fondle her, but when he marries he must look in another direc tion." Oh! Is that the kind of man a woman should marry? It is generally conceded that the woman reality does the choosing nowadays however much we like to "make believe that it is the man. Now do women been giggling, dancing and drinking and

fondling other women"? He says: "Every young woman ough! to be taught how to cook." Did he ever weet a woman who wanted to be taught how to cook? Women who care to New York to investigate and eliminate one of those arts where it is folly to their cabs for immoral purposes, h attempt to teach when the pupil has no immediately sought the aid of the taxiinterest and no desire to learn. I have cab authorities. With the cooperation fathers in the country who will have it played the church organ for thirteen of the latter Mr. Fosdick was able to years and I do not now recall ever round up a number of drivers practishaving in the choir a woman who knew ing illicit trades. In this way he was how to cook. They invariably believe able to break up the gang and make however, that is hardly likely to be a rectly or indirectly be given or served, that they belong a step higher in the New York a better place morally for disturbing factor in Marshal Foch's any rum. That father is the Hon. social ladder, and really I wonder if a the men in the service. peted aisle of his church and offer to to show that New Yorkers should be that line have not in all that time been vice, but us poor soldiers get roters join the choir how many of the choir thankful that five years ago the city run in such a way as to make it possible service. would welcome her, and would be really government was far sighted enough to to be regular. A wait of ten minutes extend the right hand of fellowship

I doubt it. I have met several really good church cate; the aforementioned are enough to hour or more has always been common members who on a bright sunny day, illiustrate the point. when bables ought to be in the park. spend most of their time within half a block of the park in a movie, with the poor little bables trying to sleep in the stiffing atmosphere. I have known other members to be very careful that ket for a large modern saw mill equip-their husbands selected a flat between ment. Plans for wooden ships and infortheir husbands selected a flat between a delicatessen and a movie so as to save them too much exercise or car

When, oh when, did Cunid delegat to a narrow minded parson the right to advise lovers who and where to find their mates? Men marry the women sordid things relating to complexions the six cent fare in that city out of and cooking have ever remained and the United States before the importation will ever remain in the background. Mrs. E. R. LOOMIS.

NEW YORK, August 21. . Transit.

Knicker.—The boys are saying, "Heaven, ell or Hoboken by Christmas." Bocker-Another H system

l'd like to write a letter home and por

out all my woes,
And tell the old folks how my socks are minus heels and toes. And what I'd give to have a plece mom's fried chicken new, And how all fired sick I get of eating

and that I'd take it kindly if they'd ms some tobac And time of tale to soothe the bites that put me on the rack, And that I wish they'd pay the tin I borrowed off Bill Draper But dad would surely go and put my mis

love to write my brother Joe about the demoissile Who does my washing in the creek, and Her eyes are soft as velvet, and her cheek is like a peach 'paricy voo, M'sieu," to

sive in the paper

German line.

proper caper,

there is Susle Simpson-she'd get mad and publish all I couldn't call About her rosebud lips, you know, and nist so trim and taper eign and Domestic Commerce.

Gloves are being made from whale in goes in the paper. testines in Norway, reports Commercial Agent N. L. Anderson from Copenhagen page or two

Addressed to dad or mom or Joe across said to be pliable, soft and durable, the billows blue merely say it rains to-day, the mud is

Automatic telephone systems will proband I've received a medal that the C. O. ably be installed throughout the Union of South Africa at the end of the war. This work will be done under the supervision Or D. S. O. or Cross de Guerre or maybe of the Postmaster-General.

An agency for the sale of carpets, mat-And all a soldier's letters home are printed tings, limiteums, wooden chairs, barbed in the paper.

WHAT TROOPS MAKE UP A UNITED STATES ARMY DIVISION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It is just five years ago this month that The Latest Figures on the Composition of the Forces We Have and Shall Have in France.

> at sea over the figures that are coming from Washington with respect to the what the figures actually represent. General Peyton C. March, Chief of Committee on Military Affairs and the correspondents that he expects to have eighty divisions in action by

middle of the coming summer. Just what that represents is the subthe man from Boston as they apply to ject of as many guesses as there are haps there are many who do not, but show that only a little more than half of the total forces overseas will be at grips with the Germans. In other words, of the more than \$,000,000 men called for in the programme the mo-It is no small task to control the taxibile combatant troops, exclusive of cabs in a city with the population of New York. There have been cases of cavalry and heavy artillery, overcharging, but in the main predatory amount to 1.773,600 men.

As the staff originally outlined the division it contained 28,256 men. Then same a suggestion from abroad that the organization be revised, and it was changed to give a total of 27,152 men divided as follows: Combatant troops:

note of the chauffeurs' and taxicabs numbers, and report the circumstances One division headquarters...... One machine gun battallou ... Two infantry brigades, each of two regiments and one machine gun battalion of three companies. One field artillery brigade of three regiments and one trench mortar more than was legally due to him he battery 5.008

> The non-fighting elements were: One field signal battalion...... 263 One regiment of engineers...... 1,666 One train headquarters and military police..... One engineer train.....

> Of the 4.732 non-combatant troops attached to a division it has been true that many have dropped their peaceful pursuits and taken a hand in the fighting, notably the engineers, who more than once have left their picks to shoulder rifles and give a fine account of themselves. American engineers did this with the with their own forces at the Marne. But they do not properly belong in the list of fighting troops, and there is usually plenty of work for them without making them do double duty.

One sanitary train...... 940

They are actually auxiliary to the combatant troops. General March has told the newspa per correspondents that the division actually represented 40,000 men, an then added that to get a safe multiplier they had better take 45,000. He without the passenger's consent, the meant that the fighting forces began operations at the base ports where the of communication, supply and medical American attendance, to say nothing of the air apparent.

The average civilian is very much service and such army troops as are represented by heavy artillery, cavalry, medical troops, engineers not at-tached to divisions and the like must number of the men the United States be maintained. This maintenance reexpects to place on the battle line and quires an average of 18,000 men for organization.

Thus, when the reader comes to Staff of the army, has told the Senate separate the rifles on the firing line from their auxiliary troops there is the difference between 22,420 actual fighters and 45,000 engaged in the giant enterprise of fighting 3,000 miles from home in a strange country.

Each branch of the service-cavreaders of the statement. The facts, alry, artillery and air—has its part based upon the latest tables of organi-in the general result, but in matching zation that the army has let us have, division against enemy division in current estimates only the rifles should be considered. The enemy also has army troops and organizations that do not figure in his base divisions.

have at the front represent the equivalent of 118 German divisions, considered on the same basis. The German division originally had two brigader of two regiments of infantry each, making 12,000 infantry troops, with the artillery and other branches added. As the war wore on the Germans abandoned the brigade organization and formed their divisions of three regiments detached were organized as special troops for flame throwing and other delectable forms of German iniquity, with machine guns furnished

throughout. The Germans increased their artillery until the divisional quota of artilery was about proportional to the American force, making the division consist of 9,000 infantry, 3,000 of the new special troops and 3,000 artillery. The theoretical total of fighting men in a German division is now 15,000 of all arms, excluding cavalry. Their auxiliary troops are used on much the same lines as American auxiliaries. with heavy guns, airmen and the like operating in addition to the firing line

The net result of the American feeding of the line until there are eighty divisions of our troops on the front will be to offset better than half of the total German forces in the west. at the fattest estimate eave France and Great Britain, with Belgium, Italy and Portugal, to take care of the other half. The combined forces would give to the Allies a preponderance of smashing proportions and afford a mobile army to strike where the supreme command wishes when it gets set for the main offensive and to strike with enough force to break the German lines at the selected point or points.

With the German troops required to police the growing Russian discon-Austrians in Italy and bolster up the Turks, the German forces in the west can hardly keep their present numbers, and the great importance of the . American addition will be all the more

THE WORST CAR LINE. Perhaps Columbus Avenue Isn't, but Camp Dix Is a Long Way From It Is Bad Enough.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: He would be a bold man who would venture o specify the particular line of trolley ears which is now giving the least ade- on July 22, a registered letter, and it quate service to the public, but it is no is not here yet. Another letter was and trouble at all to pick out one of the from Brockton, Mass, the same day

Columbus avenue line daily, though it is rotten. Many other facts might be cited never at regular hours. The cars on put the present taxicab ordinance into or more was always to be expected at N. J. August 10. But there is no need to elabo- any hour of the day. A wait of half ar

at night. It never seemed satisfactory, especially as it was often impossible to get a seat after entering, and not infrequently the cars were crowded in such fashion that swine somebody would have been put mation regarding shippard equipment are prohibiting the carriage of dumb beasts fied to express a valuable opinion on under such conditions as human beings any subject involving a consideration of are obliged to endure, be they stalwart men or delicate women

the record total of \$389.588,610, which was an increase of \$120,910,076 over the But the service on this line grows way and all other transit troubles it steadily worse as the need for better this city, which are attributable at night at 9 o'clock on the corner of dends nor high salaries, and that is the tailed 69,652 pounds, valued at \$112,067. High at 9 o'clock on the corner of Most of the beans exported came into Then came a car, full but not crowded. and the motorman refused to stop, though he saw my signal plainly. A which due to the war, has gone soarins. very common occurrence on this line.

The next car stopped fifteen minutes ered a process by which leather can be The next car stopped fifteen minutes hardened to any desired degree. It is later. The two together held as many said that the hardening prepares the passengers as could have been carried go to smash and our splendid city same eather to offer more resistance to heat with common decency in three cars. and moisture, and that none of the elag-ticity is lost when stiffened to a degree much greater than they were five years suitable for the making of shoes. The ago, for the volume of travel is greater. The service is much worse than it was,

though it was then very bad. It seems foolish, therefore, for Mr. Shonts to ask the travellers on this line, as he had done repeatedly of late, to sign a petition asking for an increase

rts that New Zealand's wheat yield from the 1917-18 crop will total about one NEW YORK, August 21. >

A POSTAL TRIUMPH.

Watch making and ring making ma-chinery is wanted in Italy. This Letter Arrived, Officially, on a Information regarding the manufactur

Day That Had Not Dawned. of safety matches is desired by a Mexi-To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Why selling their service at less than if this carping criticism of the United cost, including interest on the South Africa presents a good field for States snall service? Behold, I confound ment. We don't ask for this you and all detractors of the Texas pony are working for our living we the present time Swedish machines domiexpress. Enclosed is the envelope from to earn at least our legitimus nate the market. The Swedish separators are cheaper than those of American make. a letter that was received upon a day ees, and if we have a busine but it is the opinion of Consul-General as yet unborn, as is evidenced by the ever small, we expect to each a letter that was received upon a day ses, and if we have a business clear postmark! Has any previous pos- on our investment therein and a tising campaigns would tend to develop tal administration achieved this feat? Is over that. As citizens we do s not unparalleled?

A list of agents and firms who would be The letter was written in Connecticut us service on any other terms interested in handling dairying supplies on August 14. It arrived at Bloomfield. not, however, expect to pay it. N. J., actually on August 17, but offican be obtained by referring to File No. 104008 at the office of the Bureau of For-N. J., actually on August 17, but officially on August 21. What are nature's laws to our all omnipotents? tide walts for no man, but time and tide by the city. To suggest in the steps on its gas when drafted by our more than men.

I suppose that the official ward heeler Manufacturers of locks are invited to will not receive credit for this. You ends of public ownership, for the ends of public ownership, for the ends of public ownership, for the municipal with merchanis in Palma de probably will say that he has instructed we the public way the least, extremely raw Majorca, Spain, where a market for these his slaves to date postmarks ahead in entitled to, and we want nothing order to conceal delays. But you can't and any public official who attempts to let the poor man alone. He has scarcely exact more in our behalf is not repr 167 hours a week left to devote to poli-tics any more, and rumor has it that it When we want to own our street is no longer necessary for him to ask a roads and electric light and aus ment Building is. Shame on you!

> PLUTARCH. EAST ORANGE, N. J., August 21.

THE MAIL SERVICE.

Home by the Postal Route. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Ser. II takes from two to three weeks for me to get letters from Holyoke, Mass . to Camp Dix, N. J. One letter was sent

and it has not reached me yet.

For a number of years I have used the to him he will get it after what is in If a man in camp has a package ant

Mr. Curtis might have had poor ser ALBERT IM HOP

WARD 28, BASE HOSPITAL, CAMP DIE.

THE SUBWAY "CURE." An Assertion That It May Be Found

in Higher Fares. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIR Mayor Hylan's proposed "cure" for the subway situation indicates that he has economics and finance.

There is only one "cure" for the subevery one knows, neither to big divisame cure which has been applied in respect of every other commodity of service the public buys, the cost of viz., increase the price. Increase the fares and cut down the transfers. And it ought to be dene quickly, before the the unenviable reputation of being the meanest city in the world because it is too mean to support its street railroads

Is our civic pride after all mera pretence? We, the public, can afford to pay a six cent or seven cent fare. We are earning more money than we dd before, and while we are paying more for every necessity of life (except service rendered by our transportation gas and electric companies) as have more money for luxuries and not sentials than we ever had before any tradesman or the proprietor of any amusement park if it isn't so

It will serve no purpose to waste time talking about these companies regulaating their financial obligations pect any one to sell us goods or transportation companies. se used for the purchase of th these, when actual costs are t unparalleled altitudes, that they further augmented to serve the beends of public ownership, fara

We, the public, want what we are policeman where the Post Office Depart- panies we will buy them and part them. We won't do it plecemen!

rates.

NEW YORK, August 21.